

REMARKS

The specification and claim amendments have been made in order to conform this patent application to customary United States patent practice.

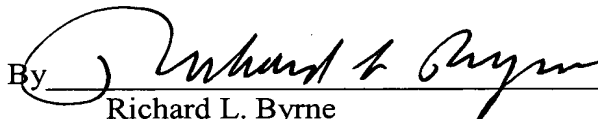
Claims 1-25 have been cancelled and rewritten as claims 26-49 in order to eliminate the multiple dependencies and the conform the claims to standard United States patent practice.

A copy of the added Abstract is attached for insertion into the application.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 26-49 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**METHOD FOR THE CONTINUOUS SYNTHESIS
OF A LIQUID MELAMINE RESIN**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a method for synthesizing a liquid melamine resin, wherein: a) melamine, at least one aldehyde and at least one alcohol are fed to at least one first reactor operated continuously, in particular at least one agitated tank operated continuously and are reacted together, b) the reaction product that is obtained is fed to a solid-liquid phase separation device, c) a solids-rich phase that has been produced in the solid-liquid phase separation is fed back to at least one first reactor, and d) a phase devoid of solids that has been produced in the solid-liquid phase separation is subjected to additional processing steps. The invention thus provides an efficient continuous direct synthesis method for a liquid melamine resin.